

# **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS-TRAINING 2011**

## **ARRIVE**

Arrive 20 minutes early:

- Sign-in in the Ministry Binder in the sacristy.
- Pick a spot on the chart (try to pick the side of the church you will sit in during Mass).
- Get the correct cross.

Put your things on a chair in church.

Come back to the gathering space to pray -5 minutes before Mass begins at the Baptismal Font.

Process in with the Priest:

- Process in on the same side you will be seated.
- Process in by two's (there can be one group of three) & stand on the right or left side of the altar.
- The Lector places the Book on the altar & rejoins the ministers facing the altar.
- All bow at the altar - look to the Priest for the timing of the bow.
- Go to your seat-without crossing in front of the altar.

Note: the procession order is: cross, servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Priest.

## **APPROACH, RECEIVE & SERVE**

### ***Approach:***

- No later than the first "Lamb of God", walk to the correct side behind the Altar.
- Stand behind the Altar- in this order starting from the choir side: Cup 4, Bread 1, Cup 1, Bread 2, Cup 2, Bread 3, Cup 3, Bread 4
- Please do not offer peace to those next to you.

### ***Receive:***

The Cup Steward is cup #4 (credence table side minister):

- The cup steward will pour the Blood of Christ into the individual chalices.
- Step forward to the side of the Altar (where the empty chalices are) when the Body of Christ is being broken.
- Wait for the Priest to present you with the flagon. Do not take it on your own.

The Priest will begin distributing to the ministers:

- The Cup Steward receives the Body and then the Blood of Christ from the Priest.
- The Priest then proceeds to offer the Body of Christ to the remaining ministers.
- The Cup Steward then offers the Blood of Christ to the all the ministers.
- The Cup Steward keeps the cup and stands with the other ministers on the credence table side.
- After all have received, all ministers step forward and take their ciborium or cup from the altar.
- All ministers proceed to your spot on the floor.

### ***Serve:***

#### ***CHOIR SIDE-***

- Serve the choir first.
- Go to your place when all the other ministers are ready to move.

#### ***BREAD-***

- Hold the consecrated host up, make eye contact and say "Body of Christ".

- If you are done and you see long lines elsewhere, move to assist the other server.
- Keep the flow in mind when you choose where to stand.

### ***WINE-***

- To share the cup, present it to the person (don't make them reach for it).
- Make eye contact & say "Blood of Christ".
- Wipe the cup each time with a clean spot on the purificator.
- Open the purificator all the way to do this. Use the front and the back.
- Wipe the rim with the purificator; give the cup a ¼ turn and wait for the next person.
- If someone chooses to intinct (dip the host), please let them.

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### ***ALL-***

- The only allowed crossover is behind the altar to help out in another location.
- When done do not walk past someone who is still distributing.
- Wait and then return to the credence table.
- If the Priest is done and you are near him, take his ciborium with you to the credence table.
- Take off your cross and leave it on the credence table & wait until all ministers are finished.
- The coordinator will lead all ministers down the side aisle.
- Return to your seats without crossing across the front of the altar.

## **ISSUES**

### ***BREAD ISSUES***

- If you drop a consecrated host, pick it up & consume it.
- If you are running short, break the hosts in half.
- If you run out- go to another distributor and get more or find someone who is done and they take your place.
- At the 5:00 PM and the 8:30AM Masses there are Hosts in the Tabernacle in the Chapel that you may get if necessary.

### ***WINE ISSUES***

- If you run out of consecrated wine, put the purificator over the cup, stay in your place & wait to go to the credence table.
- If you spill a small amount of consecrated wine you may blot it up.
- If a large amount is spilled, cover it with your purificator so it is not stepped on.
- If necessary go to the credence table, get other purificators and/or corporals.
- Deal with it after Mass is over.
- Left over consecrated wine may be consumed by you or by another minister.

**If you are assigned and cannot make a service please find a substitute.**

**Keep in mind that during Holy Week and Christmas the procedures may be slightly altered to accommodate the larger than normal crowds.**

